Power tariff

1214. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the details of the power tariff per unit in different States and Union Territories as on 31st August, 1986 including the Central Government's power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The estimated average rates of electricity for various categories of consumers in different States and Union Territories as on 31-8-1986 are given in the attached Staaement. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 52. Power supplied by the Central Generating Stations is pooled by States/Union Territories with the power generated at their own stations for the purpose of fixation of tariff.

Coal reserve in Bankura

1215. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good quality coal reserve has been discovered in Bankura, West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when this coal reserves would be exploited for commercial use?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Good quality non-coking coal reserves have been proved in Kalidaspur and Ardhagram blocks in Bankura District of West Bengal. A reserve of 20.43 million tonnes of non-coking coals upto grade 'C' quality has been proved in Kalidaspur block. A reserve of 47.01 million tonnes of similar quality coals has been proved in Ardhagram block.

Kalidaspur pilot mine has been sanctioned for a capacity of 0.07 million tonne and is expected to start production in 1987-88. Project report for a bigger Kalidaspur underground mine has been prepared. Project report for Ardhagram mine has also been prepared.

Joint sector coal project

1216. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Central Government for a joint sector coal project between Central and a State Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gas annually produced and utilised by Assam oilfields

1217. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of gas annually produced in Assam oilfields by Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the period 1980—85;

(b) what is the total quantity of gas flared up by Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the above period;

(c) what is the total quantity of gas commercially utilised during the above period; and

(d) what is the present price of gas at which OIL and ONGC sell it to its customers?